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Response To **OFFICIAL ACTION****REMARKS**

Applicant hereby authorizes the PTO to charge any and all necessary fees due, or provide reimbursements of excessive fees paid, to deposit account No. 19-2179.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Claim 39 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error in the structure, changing the functional group from "Boco" to "BocO", and the structures have been enlarged, as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter is added by the Amendment. Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful suggestions.

Claims 40-44 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim 39, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants respectfully assert that claim 39 having been amended to overcome the rejection, dependent claims 40-44 are allowable as being dependent upon the allowable, amended claim 39.

Claims 45 and 46 were amended to correct a minor typographical error in the protecting group designation from "boc" to "Boc" as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter is added by the amendment to these claims.

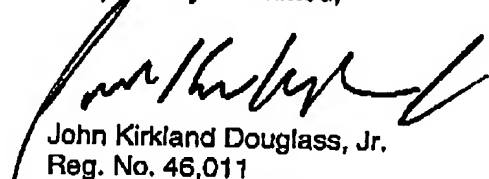
Claims 1-50 are in this application, Claims 1-38 and 47-50 having been canceled without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any canceled matter in subsequent continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part applications.

Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 39-46 are novel, and allowance of these claims is respectfully solicited. The present application is believed to be in prima facie condition for allowance, and an early action to that effect is respectfully solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all of the claims are in proper format and are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below with and questions concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,


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